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OF

THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
EXTENSION SOCIETY

October 20, 1920

The third Annual Meeting of The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society was held in the United Charities Building, New York City, October 20, 1920, at 1:30 p. m.

The President, Rev. Rockwell H. Potter, was in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Lewis T. Reed.

The following members were present:

Mr. Charles H. Baker	New Jersey
Rev. William S. Beard	New York
Rev. Charles E. Burton	New York
Rev. William H. Kephart	New York
Rev. Harry W. Myers	Pennsylvania
Rev. Watson L. Phillips	Connecticut
Rev. Rockwell H. Potter	Connecticut
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In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. Theodore M. Shipherd, Rev. William S. Beard was elected clerk pro tem.

In consequence of the reorganization of the several Societies having membership in the Church Extension Boards, the function of the Annual Meeting has somewhat changed. The reorganization plans comtemplated, it will be recalled, a business session each Biennium in conjunction with the sessions of the National Council, with the further provision that in the alternate years the gathering should be largely for inspirational and publicity purposes. Inasmuch as the program of the Congregational World Movement is this year systematically promoting the interests of this Society in large measure, a meeting for such purposes seemed an unnecessary and needless expenditure. Consequently due notice was given of the Annual Meeting of The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society, but no attempt was made to have the session other than a formal one.

The Annual Report of the Society was presented.

No quorum was present.

Adjournment.

WILLIAM S. BEARD,
Secretary pro tem.

ORGANIZED CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK

The history of our Congregational Sunday School work in the United States can be traced back to 1805, and Sunday School activity became general among Congregational Churches in this country in 1816. With the background of the religious education of the young in the home and under the direction of the "pastor and teacher" in the early days, the organized work grew gradually in favor, and eventually old methods gave place to the call of the modern Sunday School movement.

Our own definite work was carried on under various names and conditions. In 1829 it was known as "The Doctrinal Tract and Book Society"; in 1832 as "The Massachusetts Sabbath School Society"; in 1868 as "The Congregational Sabbath School and Publishing Society"; in 1870 as "The Congregational Publishing Society," and in 1883 as "The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society." In accordance with the action of the National Council in 1917, the work then being done by the Missionary and Extension Department of The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society, was ordered transferred to the Church Extension Group in New York City, and pursuant to this action, on December 19, 1917, there was organized in New York "The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society," with the members of the National Council constituting its membership, and with a Board of Directors, General Secretary and Treasurer, in common with The Congregational Home Missionary Society and The Congregational Church Building Society, thus unifying the administration of efforts centering in the local church, i.e., the pastor, the building and the Sunday School.

The functions of the Society are concisely outlined in the records of the National Council, as follows:

> "That to the Sunday School Extension Society there has been committeed the care of Sunday School Extension work on behalf of the denomination. This Society shall also work in cooperative relations with the Religious Education Boards. . . . . Briefly summarized, this means the assignment to the education force of full responsibility of leadership in all that has to do with the educational methods and evangelistic outreach of the local Sunday Schools, while to the extension force is assigned the planting of Mission Sunday Schools and continuous effort to carry out the plans of the educational force along such lines as that force may select."

In accordance with this action of the National Council, the new Society assumed responsibility for the Missionary and Extension work on January 1, 1918. This did not necessitate any particular change so far as the field work is in the hands of the men who superintend the home missionary work.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

General

The First Triennial Period of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society is an accomplished fact, and there is every reason to feel that as a result of the activities of the three years, the new working basis has demonstrated the value of such close contact and cooperation with the united programme of the Church Extension Boards.

The reorganization took place at a time when world events crowded in upon the common life; when the very heart of the world was stirred, and the time was opportune for the consideration of a programme, large in scope, and mighty in purpose and power.

A wide and varied ministry has been exercised and the response has been gratifying. Many problems have been dealt with that called for consecrated leadership and incessant labors. The period was one of strenuous detail work, and in many directions things have been accomplished that will make the service of the coming years more successful, if not less arduous. The underlying motive for service has been, not how big, but how valuable. Hence a large emphasis has been placed upon the inauguration of a programme making for efficiency.

Beginning its activities as a definite part of the Church Extension Boards' work, with an administrative and field force numbering thirty-nine, its workers in 1920, reached a total of sixty-one. The first year's income amounted to $36,202.56; that of 1919 to $52,597.42, and for the year ending December 31, 1920, the receipts were $74,423.25. The monthly budget now calls for an expenditure of $6,000, and the budget proposals for 1921 total $102,500.

During the triennium, in addition to matters of general administration, our superintendents and their assistants, nearly all of whom are joint missionary workers, reported the following services rendered:

New Mission Schools	223
Membership	7,282
Schools reorganized	92
Membership	2,867
Schools visited	3,911
Attendance	154,427
Conventions, Institues and Group Conferences	2.011
Attendance	95,844
Sermons preached	6,518
Sunday School addresses	3,405
Other addresses	4,009
Mileage	2,130,725

Nineteen Hundred and Twenty

Taking a big lookout upon the activities of the past year, some important things have been accomplished, and while there have been, and still are, some real difficulties to contend with, we believe that Dr. Robert F. Horton's words apply: "The process seems slow, but God is not too slow. The hand that has given us our Gospel and our Christ, that hand will give us the world for our hire." Reviewing the work generally, conditions are favorable for a large advance. Our various departments of service are well organized for action, and a vital entering into the lives of others is possible to a larger extent than ever before.

Matters of Administration

The increasing activities of the Society have made some adjustments necessary. The bookkeeping and financial interests generally, now call for the full-time services of a bookkeeper, who under the guidance of the Treasurer is developing a system in keeping with our expanding work. The actual cost of administration is relatively small, inasmuch as the General Secretary devotes a large part of his time to the visitation of conferences, associations and individual churches, and the Extension Secretary is engaged in field service during two-thirds of the year. Moreover, only one-fifth of the salary of the General Secretary, and one-tenth of that of the Treasurer is paid by the Sunday School Extension Society.

The general interests of the work have included supervision of the activities of the field workers, cooperative relations with the general interests of our world-wide missionary programme, and the inauguration of several forms of service dealing in a very definite and vital way with work for children and young people. Conferences in the office have been numerous and of growing interest, evidencing the fact that our extension programme is making a vital appeal.

The General Secretary as the responsible head of the Society has given considerable time and energy to the promotion of the income and doing general publicity work; the adjustment of intersociety and interdenominational relations; counsel in developing policies; planning joint projects, and advice in administrative details. Increasingly the one leadership along united lines of service is found most helpful, and the beneficial effects are in evidence in every direction.

The Extension Secretary, in addition to services rendered in the New York office in directing the activities of the Society generally, spent 176 days in field service, visiting eighteen states and seventy-two places. This called for the traveling of 26,685 miles, delivering 102 sermons and addresses, holding 136 group conferences and meeting with 791 individuals in conference. The work has been a joyous one; the fellowship great; and increasingly one realizes that we are measured by the use we make of what God has given us.

Our Tribute to Those Who Have Passed On

We have been called upon to lose two of our field workers. Called suddenly into the larger life as the result of an accident, Rev. James Kirk, Kirker of North Dakota, passed on in August, into the other part of the Father's universe. Above all other things he was "a good minister of Jesus Christ." A graduate of Olivet College and Oberlin Seminary, he set his face steadfastly toward the foreign field. Such service being denied him, following summer student service during his theological course, he entered home missionary work in North Dakota, immediately after graduation in 1907. In this capacity he did heroic work, caring for a number of small churches and preaching points. Then came the pastorate of a self-supporting church, the building up of a strong parish in a growing center, and large participation in the Congregational interests of the entire state. In 1916 so as to be near his aged parents, Mr. Kirker accepted a call to Michigan, where three years later, while in the midst of a congenial and successful pastorate, he was urged to return to North Dakota and become one of the field workers of the Home Missionary and Sunday School Extension Societies. It was a difficult matter to decide, but for him life spelled opportunity, and he decided that the highest purpose of his being could be met only by a consecration that called for devoting his life henceforth to field service in the state where he entered the ministry of the Gospel.

Rev. Edwin J. Singer went to California from Sunday School missionary work in Washington, in 1898, and for twenty-two years was actively engaged in the missionary work of the conference. From 1898 to 1908 he was superintendent of the Sunday School and Publishing Society and assisted in the organization of many schools in out of the way places. For the past ten years he has been connected with the California Home Missionary Society and the Sunday School Extension Society as a joint field worker. His passing away on November 24th was a profound shock to his many friends throughout the state. His apparent recovery from a critical illness in the summer had brought him back into full service and he was in the midst of his missionary work, when the call came to him. He had lunched with Dr. William Ewing in San Francisco and was talking over with him the work in which they were both engaged, when he was stricken with appoplexy and never recovered consciousness, passing away the evening before Thanksgiving. During the last two months of his service, Mr. Singer organized five new Sunday Schools and his reports were full of interest. In connection with his last report, in describing a certain phase of the work in which he was engaged, Mr. Singer used the expression, "I moved on." A few days later he did move on to higher service.

Our Field Service

During 1920, a number of new appointments were made and important territory entered. This was gratifying but by no means met the increasing needs that everywhere confront us. In city and rural life; on the frontier

and in the midst of foreign-speaking people, large extension of our activities is called for.

Our field workers are rendering efficient service and the optimism of a great purpose is apparent. During the year they organized 109 new mission schools and reorganized thirty-seven schools, thereby reaching for definite Bible study 7,904 individuals. 2,623 church and mission schools were visited and 103,907 folks in this way made to feel they were a part of a great fellowship. 2,919 sermons were preached; almost entirely in home missionary churches. 1,523 Sunday School addresses were delivered and 1,821 of a general nature. These figures indicate the scope of the work done, and while statistics cannot tell the full story of achievement, they do suggest what has been accomplished and what needs to be done. Think of Sunday Schools organized during 1920, 100 miles distant from the railroad, and then remember that thousands of such groups are waiting to be cared for. Consider the loneliness of the folks who live out on the great prairies and in the mountain regions, and over against it the magnificence of the missionary zeal and sacrifice of the men and women who represent us in the service of God and man. Look at Idaho, usually thought of as a mining, lumber and water power state, but with as rich a soil as can be found anywhere. This means marvellous growth as irrigation advances, with an outstanding call for Sunday School Extension work. One parish is 110 miles in length and ours is the only church of any name within a radius of fifty-eight miles. Consider Washington, with 500,000 children and youth unprovided for religiously. In the western half of the state there are 724 school districts without any religious organization, with as many as sixty-five children in a school. Then there is "Mighty Montana in the Making;" the vastness of the country; the magnitude of the work; the almost fearful challenge; the call to see the needs to some extent, as God sees them; the needs of great mining centers like Butte, and rural regions like Powder River County Parish, the former with its possibility of 1,000 children and young people enrolled in the Sunday Schools of our two churches; the latter with its 3,240 square miles, 5,000 people, no church building, a group of preaching stations and Sunday Schools and many opportunities for enlarged service. The call of the entire Northwest is a mighty one and must be heeded. So also one might outline the needs of the South and Southwest, where Congregationalism is in the making; our Southeast district, where Dr. Lewis H. Keller is superintending the work in Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Florida, facing a challenging task with a spirit of optimism and determination. The South Central district comprising Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, in the midst of which Dr. Albert E. Ricker is putting his life energies. Oklahoma has 550,000 children under ten years of age that are not in Sunday School, and Texas has 770,000 in like condition. In the Southwest District, Dr. Josiah H. Heald is facing the growing needs of Arizona, New Mexico and Western Texas—with a hope and courage that spell success. In the Rocky Mountain District, Dr.

William J. Minchin is planning large things for Colorado, Wyoming and Utah; Dr. W. Herbert Thrall and Dr. Edwin H. Stickney of the Dakotas, each with over 200 churches, and a large number of Sunday Schools to their credit, continue to press forward toward still greater things. Superintendent Arthur J. Sullens is enthusiastic over Oregon and Southern Idaho, and everywhere both state and local workers are forging ahead. Then too, there is the new frontier of the city life, with its growing challenge generally, and its Americanization programme which cannot succeed apart from the Christian touch.

In this day of the world's imperative need, and of our larger and golden opportunity, we must not neglect our boys and girls. Of the 27,000,000 children and youths in the United States, not affiliated with any school for religious instruction, Congregationalism is responsible for nearly 2,000,000. Such a condition creates a serious situation and menaces the very existence of our Christian institutions. We must give more time to fundamental things. We need to think about these things sincerely; pray about them earnestly; plan for them wisely and act upon them quickly.

Departmental Work

Our Director of City Work, Rev. Luman H. Royce, has travelled during the year 22,854 miles, and in connection with his department generally has rendered efficient service along survey and inspirational lines. The outstanding work of the twelve months' activities centered in Florida, in connection with the completion of the new church building at Miami Beach, and the organization of both Church and Sunday School work. The latter already has an enrollment of over 100, and the entire institution is planned to make an appeal, not only to the winter residents, but to those who are settled in the community. Hence our ministry will be to those who tarry for awhile, and, also to those who in increasing numbers are making Florida a permanent home.

The Director of Rural Work, Dr. Malcolm Dana, reports eleven states visited, mileage reaching 16,630, and 132 different appointments and conferences. These have included state conferences, local associations, summer assemblies, college and seminary gatherings and many special forms of service. Correspondence relative to the rural work has been extensive and the preparation of printed material has called for considerable attention.

Rev. Henry M. Bowden, Director of Foreign-Speaking work, reports as follows. "The travel for the year reached 30,000 miles, and was accompanied with forty-two addresses, in thirteen states. Sunday Schools visited included those in Bohemian, Finnish, German, Italian, Polish, and Slovak languages.

"The chief difficulties confronting these foreign-speaking schools are the same as those encountered by Sunday School work in general—the lack of teachers being perhaps most prominent. The efficiency of the schools does not materially differ from the average school of the same class in English. On the whole, the use of the English language is

becoming increasingly evident in all the foreign-speaking groups. This is true of the church life as well as of the schools, but as a rule the demand for English comes first from the school. Some of the churches recognize the demand promptly and gratify it, while some are more conservative, and occasionally one is found which opposes all use of English. The final use of English is inevitable, as the children use it in the day school and on the street, and it is much easier to get printed matter for Sunday School use in English than in any foreign language.

"At the same time, certain influences make for the retention of the foreign tongue. Many foreign parents fear for their children what seems to them a loss of moral restraint in the too free life of America, and try to hold them to more conservative old world customs. Most of our foreign churches of Protestant types are more conservative morally and theologically than are our American churches. Then, if the tongue of the parents is neglected by the child, as is often the case even to the extent of entire disuse, the connection with the mother is broken, her restraining influence is lost, and the family unity more or less impaired, to the real detriment of society. Theodore Botrel, the Breton poet, has a song in which the son, who has come back home after years spent in Paris, tries to talk with his mother who has never left Brittany. After one has sung to the mother in a tongue she never learned, and the mother has replied to the son in a tongue he has forgotten, they part with the realization that life has no more communion for them. It is better for children to remain in touch with their parents. After all, it is the business of the Sunday School to strengthen the forces which make for a religious appreciation of life, and usually one gets more religion from his mother than from seventeen Sunday School teachers. It is very easy for those who never learned a foreign language to say that the parents should learn English. Religious English is not picked up on the street. I have never known a person who regretted having learned the speech of his parents, but I have known many who did regret not having done so.

"I have found one instance of a school which had been wholly English for years reverting to the use in part of a foreign tongue. This was due to the coming into the community of nearly a score of families who did not yet use English, and the consequent need of ministering to them. Adults from eighteen families were received into the church, and about sixty children into the school. The introductory and closing exercises of the school are held in common, and the classes meet in separate rooms for the lesson study. The pastor thinks the whole school will be using English again in a very short time.

"There is need for good text books for Sunday School use in some of the foreign tongues, but it does not seem to me that the real need is for translations of our ordinary English texts. Many of these schools are small, and a less formal, less systematic, freer type of arrangement of material and suggestion for study, would be much more useful.

"There are many places where small schools, or individual classes could be organized in places where there are foreign groups accessible to some of our American churches. Often this is more effective as a means of Americanization than the organization of a foreign church. Such classes properly conducted might hold in their membership those who would not break with their old world churches, but who would come under new influences, and carry a new spirit of brotherhood into their old relationships."

The Department of Negro Work under the direction of Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, was called into existence by the exodus of Negroes to the North, and has been in operation since April 1, 1920. Mr. Kingsley was one of the investigators of the exodus under the Home Missions Council in 1916, and was also Secretary of Negro Welfare of the Committee on War Productions Communities.

The department serves twenty-eight churches reaching from Portland, Maine, to Los Angeles, California, and includes such cities as Cleveland, Chicago, Boston, New York and Washington. The method of approach has been missionary and evangelistic as well as sociological and administrative. The most outstanding piece of Sunday School work has been that at Detroit, Michigan, where in the new parish house, work for children and young people has been organized in connection with a broad church and community programme.

Church and Mission Sunday School Statistics

The Year Book figures for 1920 report a net increase in Sunday School membership of 15,013. Of this gain 11,957 was in the missionary states and 7,900 in the self-supporting states. Independent Mission Sunday Schools, most of which are under the supervision of the workers of the Congregational Sunday School Extension Society, number 621, with a total enrollment of 26,734, a gain over 1919, of 2,263. The total number of Mission Sunday Schools organized during 1920, was 109, all except three of which are in the missionary states.

Religious Educational Service

Emphasizing the vital significance and increasing importance of religious education, our superintendents and field workers have co-operated most heartily with the National and District Secretaries of the Congregational Education Society, meeting with most helpful assistance on the part of the leaders of that Society, and rendering very effective service. Most cordial and happy relations exist between the working forces of the two organizations and the united programme is resulting in the strengthening of existing work, and laying plans for much needed enlargement along both extension and educational lines. During the year our workers participated in 872 Conventions and Group Conferences, reaching 44,757 individuals.

A New Departure

In harmony with the action of the Executive Committee of the Church Extension Boards "that efforts be made to place every Mission School under direct pastoral supervision, and that looking to this end, every Home Missionary Pastor be required under his commission from the Congregational Home Missionary Society, to care for such Sunday Schools as may be committed to his oversight by the Secretary of Missions," a definite plan has been adopted. The intention of this vote was to gather under pastoral care, wherever possible, all Sunday School work. This practically makes every Home Missionary pastor a Sunday School Extension worker.

In co-operation with the Secretary of Missions along this line of service, all pastors bearing Home Missionary commissions have been asked to send a complete list of all the Sunday Schools under their care, noting those having church organizations; also a statement regarding other Sunday School possibilities, together with all helpful and interesting information concerning their entire Sunday School programme, with pen and ink or crayon diagram of their parish, showing the relative distances of Sunday School points from the central organization. In this connection and along other lines of Sunday School co-operation, the joint work with the Congregational Home Missionary Society is proving itself to be most satisfactory and successful.

Children's Day Service

This is becoming increasingly not only an educational and inspirational part of our work, but a promotional agency. The financial results can no longer be reported in definite figures, as a large number of our churches include the offering as part of the regular apportionment. The preparation of the programme for the observance of the day, still represents, however, a definite call to us, as evidenced by the fact that in 1920, the number of copies used was 115,000, an increase over the previous year of 15,000. In view of the fact that our apportionment for 1921, will be on the basis of only two per cent., it is understood that after giving credit to all churches asking for the offering to be placed to their apportionment account, the balance of the Children's Day offering in every case is to be added to the percentage agreed upon. We are hopeful therefore that the results will be large enough to make possible the work planned for.

Literature

A number of helpful leaflets, setting forth important features of our work, have been added to the list of our publications, and in addition to printed material, a large amount of information has been prepared in typewritten form. The section of "The American Missionary" assigned to the Society has included, in addition to items of general interest, numerous articles illustrating definite features of service.

Lesson Study Grants

Grants of literature for Sunday School Study work have been made to needy schools in eighteen different states, the value of such reaching, $1,290.-51. In this connection arrangements have now become effective whereby such schools are helpful to obtain the Graded Lesson Studies, as well as those of the uniform character, thereby encouraging our constituency to get the best material possible.

Exhibits

A large number of charts and other material illustrating our Sunday School Extension activities all over the country, have been prepared. For the most part this material is in permanent form, and will be added to regularly, so as to present in a concrete way, the various phases of our work.

The Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-One Outlook

The amount asked for 1921 plans was $125,080. The sum designated for use on the basis of the proposed apportionment is $102,500, and even with this income many needs must remain unmet. But, recognizing certain emergency needs as we face our enlarging work, we believe that the fine co-operation of our workers generally will make possible along lines of united service, some activities for which new leadership cannot be provided.

The forces that make for righteousness have resulted in large and helpful service, and confronting the opportunities of today, we thank God and take courage. We are sure we are on the winning side. We must, however, traverse the distance along Sunday School Extension lines between where we now are and where we ought to be, if we do our part in the larger programme of the Kingdom. There must be a loyalty to the highest vision, the stimulus of a high ideal, and a real entering into the lives of others.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on Hand January, 1920		$ 10,742.41

RECEIPTS

Contributions:		
Churches	$42,808.63	
Sunday Schools	7,997.51	
Women's Societies	8,236.83	
Individuals	1,266.80	
Refunds	669.92	
Literature	3.00	
		60,982.69
Legacies and invested funds		2,638.15
Interest on Conditional Gifts		60.00
Receipts for the Year		$ 63,919.94
Total Receipts		$ 74,423.25

DISBURSEMENTS

Missionary Service:		
Salaries	$ 27,508.98	
Expenses	10,905.02	
Administration:		
Executive Salaries	5,187.00	
Clerical services	2,951.00	
Midwinter meeting	506.21	
General Expenses:		
1. Literature Grants	1,290.51	
2. American Missionary Assessment	1,001.62	
3. Children's Day Material	3,548.13	
4. Printing	972.93	
5. Office Expenses	2,528.28	
6. Intersociety Expenses	580.01	
7. Advertising	273.16	
8. International Council Exhibit	157.02	
9. Congregational World Movement	3,272.45	
10. Interchurch World Movement	1,019.02	
11. Refunds	11.20	
12. Mortuary Account	666.67	
Honorary Salaries	125.00	
Interest on Conditional Gifts	55.00	
Total Disbursements		$62,559.21
Balance Cash on Hand		11,864.04
Bank Balance		9,044.04
National Council Note		2,500.00
Chicago Office Imprest Fund		300.00
Petty Cash		20.00

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
of
The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society

We the undersigned, being desirous of associating ourselves together in a corporation for the promotion of Sunday School work and other objects, as hereinafter more particularly described, pursuant to and in conformity with the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York, do hereby certify and declare that we are all of full age, at least two-thirds of us are citizens of the United States, and two of us are residents of the State of New York:

We do further certify and declare as follows:

First: That the particular objects for which said corporation is formed are as follows, viz.: The pursuit of missionary and educational purposes, with special relation to establishing, aiding and promoting Sunday Schools, Bible Schools and kindred institutions, either directly or through other corporations having similar objects, in pursuance of the general plans for the work of the Church Extension Boards of the Congregational Churches in the United States, as outlined by the National Council of said churches.

Second: That the corporate name by which said corporation shall be known and distinguished is The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society.

Third. That the territory in which the operations of said corporation are to be principally conducted is the United States of America, its territories, colonies and other dependencies.

Fourth: That the principal office of said corporation shall be located in the City of New York.

Fifth: That the number of the directors of the said corporation shall be thirty-six.

Sixth: That the names and places of residence of the persons to be the directors of the said corporation until its first annual meeting are:

Names	Places of Residence
Rev. Stephen A. Norton, D.D.,	Woburn, Mass.
Rev. William H. Kephart, D.D.,	415 East 143d St., New York City.
Hon. Alfred Coit,	Manwaring Building, New London, Conn.
Rev. James E. McConnell, D.D.,	129 Princeton Ave., Providence, R. I.
Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, D.D.,	Hartford, Conn.
Mr. Arthur F. Whitin,	Whitinsville, Mass.
Rev. Watson L. Phillips, D.D.,	263 Coram Ave., Shelton, Conn.
Mr. John M. Whiton,	821 Central Ave., Plainfield, N. J.
Rev. Samuel L. Loomis, D.D.,	287 Fourth Ave., New York City.
Mr. Franklin H. Warner,	52 Vanderbilt Ave., New York City.
Mrs. Harry Wade Hicks,	25 Woodland Ave., Glen Ridge, N. J.

Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, D.D., Pilgrim Cong'l Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Lucius H. Thayer, D.D., Portsmouth, N. H.
Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, Lamanda Park, Calif.
Hon. Charles D. Rosa, Beloit, Wis.
Rev. William J. Minchin, D.D., Mason City, Iowa.
Mr. William W. Mills, Marietta, Ohio.
Rev. Thomas H. Harper, D.D., 413 Washington St., South, Spokane, Wash.
George A. Guild, Esq., Topeka, Kans.
Rev. John B. Gonzales, 4532 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas.
Prof. Samuel T. Dutton, 70 Fifth Ave., New York City.
Mr. Willard S. Bass, Wilton, Maine.
Mr. Theodore M. Bates, 1003 American Trust Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. Raymond C. Brooks, D.D., 24 Panoramic Way, Berkeley, Calif.
Rev. A. Eugene Thomson, D.D., Lincoln Ridge, Ky.
Rev. Frank V. Stevens, Yankton, S. D.
Rev. Bastian Smits, D.D., Jackson, Mich.
Mr. A. T. Schauffler, 622 Scarritt Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.
Rev. G. A. Hulbert, 3120 Woolworth Ave., Omaha, Neb.
Rev. William T. McElveen, D.D., 1110 Judson Ave., Evanston, Ill.
Mr. Henry T. Richardson, 5 Smith St., Lynn, Mass.
Hon. Epaphroditus Peck, 170 Main St., Bristol Conn.
Mr. Lucius R. Eastman, Jr., 43 Glenwood Ave., Upper Montclair, N. J.
Mr. Warner James, 217 Duffield St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Hon. John E. Weeks, Middlebury, Vt.
Mr. Arthur P. Stacy, Minneapolis, Minn.

Seventh: That the annual meeting of said corporation shall be held on the Tuesday following the third Sunday in January in each and every year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have made and signed this certificate in duplicate, this 19th day of December, 1917.

Alfred Coit.
John M. Whiton.
William H. Kephart.
Clarence F. Swift.
James E. McConnell.
Samuel Lane Loomis.
Rockwell Harmon Potter.
Watson L. Phillips.

County of New York }
State of New York } ss.

On this 19th day of December, 1917, before me personally came Alfred Coit, John M. Whiton, William H. Kephart, Clarence F. Swift, James E. McConnell, Samuel Lane Loomis, Rockwell Harmon Potter, Watson L. Phillips, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they thereupon severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

I do hereby approve the foregoing certificate of incorporation and the filing thereof.

Charles L. Gray,
Justice of the Supreme Court
First Judicial District.

Dated February 23, 1918.

By-Laws of The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society

ARTICLE I.

Membership

1. All voting members of the National Council of the Congregational churches in the United States shall be voting members of The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society during the period of their membership in the National Council.

2. The Society shall designate a list of eighteen persons who shall be voting members-at-large, and who shall be chosen in three equal sections and so chosen that the term of each section shall be ultimately six years, one section being chosen every second year at the Biennial meeting. These members-at-large may be identical with the persons composing a similar list chosen by The Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society or its successor.

3. Any person on whose behalf $20.00 shall be paid into the treasury of this Society, accompanied by a request for honorary life membership, shall be an honorary life member with all the privileges of membership except voting.

4. At an annual meeting of the Society all pastors of Congregational churches in attendance, in response to an invitation from the Executive Committee of the Society, shall be enrolled as corresponding members with the privileges of the floor but no vote.

5. The Officers, Directors, Executive Committee men and Superintendent of the Society, ex-officiis, with all the privileges of membership except voting.

ARTICLE II.

Officers

The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Board of Directors, and an Executive Committee.

There shall be such additional Secretaries and other officers as may be found necessary.

ARTICLE III.

Election

1. The President, Vice-President, Auditor and Recording Secretary shall be elected by the Society at its Biennial Meeting for a two-year term.

2. The General Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected at each Biennial Meeting on nomination by the Board of Directors.

3. The Board of Directors shall consist of not more than thirty-six members, namely, one representative from each State organization which is recognized by the National Council of the Congregational churches in the United States as an administrative unit, and Directors-at-Large as herein provided, and shall be elected at the Biennial Meeting as follows:

(a) Prior to the Biennial Meeting at which the term of its representative on the Board expires, each State Conference or Association, recognized by the National Council as an administrative unit, shall have the right to submit to the Nominating Committee the names of two candidates, a minister and a layman, from which nominations an election of one Director for a term of six years shall be made. At the expiration of the term his successor shall be chosen in the same manner.

(b) Directors-at-Large shall be elected on nomination by the Nominating Committee in such manner that there shall not be more than thirty-six Directors at any one time.

(c) The President of the Society shall be an honorary member of the board without vote, and shall be expected to be present at all sessions.

(d) The General Secretary shall be an honorary member of the Board without vote, and shall be expected to be present at all except executive sessions.

(e) The Directors shall be divided as nearly as possible into three equal sections in such manner that the term of each section shall utlimately be six years and the term of one section shall expire at each Biennial Meeting. When any Director shall have held office for six successive years, he shall be for two years ineligible for election.

4. Between the meetings of the Board of Directors, the work of the Society shall be under the immediate supervision of an Executive Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of not more than fifteen persons, a majority of whom shall be members of the Board.

(a) The General Secretary, ex-officio, shall be an honorary member of this committee. The membership of the Committee shall be divided as equally as practicable between ministers and laymen. After serving for six consecutive years, a member of the Executive Committee shall be for one year ineligible for re-election.

(b) This Committee shall hold regular monthly meetings and as many special meetings as may be deemed necessary. The actions of each session of the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors.

5. There shall be a Nominating Committee consisting of the members of the Nominating Committee of the National Council.

6. Assistant Secretaries and other officers as needed shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors on the nomination of the Executive Committee.

7. Vacancies in any office, Board or Committee may be filled by the Board of Directors for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV.

Voters

All members of the Society as designated in Article I. of these By-laws who shall be present and cause their names to be registered upon a roll to be made at each annual or other meeting of this Society by the Recording Secretary, and no other persons, shall have the right to vote at the annual election, and in annual or other meetings of the Society upon questions there arising.

ARTICLE V.

The President and Vice-President

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society. It his absence the Vice-President shall preside. In the absence of both of these, any member of the Society, duly chosen, may preside at any meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

The Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and have personal charge of all funds from collections, legacies, or other sources which are designated for the current expenses of the Society, and the custody of its trust funds, and shall keep them in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors, and shall disburse the same as said Board and its Executive Committee shall direct. He shall give bonds annually for such amount as the Board of Directors shall determine, and shall conduct the correspondence and other business of his office under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and its Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

The Auditor

It shall be the duty of the Auditor prior to each Annual Meeting to examine the Treasurer's vouchers, books and accounts, and all certificates of stocks, bonds and other securities held by the Treasurer, and check all investments of the funds of the Society and certify to the correctness of the same.

ARTICLE VIII.

The General Secretary

The General Secretary of the Society, with the aid of his assistants, shall conduct all correspondence relating to the office; he shall strive to work in closest sympathy with the other benevolent societies of the denomination and with the officials of State organizations; he shall make known by per-

sonal presentation, correspondence and otherwise, to State and local associations and conferences, to churches and individuals, the objects and claims of the Society, and shall have charge and direction of the work of the Society under the general supervision of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee; he shall present the minutes of the Executive Committee and all its transactions to the Board of Directors at each of its meetings; he shall prepare the yearly report of the Board of Directors for the Annual Meeting of the Society, and submit the same for adoption at the meeting of the Board, or of its Executive Committee as the Board may direct prior to the said Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

The Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all meetings and proceedings of the Society, and at each annual or other meeting of the Society shall make up a roll of persons entitled to vote at such meetings, as provided in Article IV.

ARTICLE X.

The Board of Directors and the Executive Committee

1. The Board of Directors, subject only to the review and judgment of the Society at its Annual Meeting, shall have the management of all the property and business of the corporation, except as herein otherwise provided. The board shall hold its Annual Meeting on the Tuesday after the third Sunday of January and in addition such specially called meetings as may be deemed necessary. All important questions of policy and all major questions of administration shall be reserved for decision at the Annual Meeting. After a due notice of the meeting has been sent in writing to each Director, fifteen shall constitute a quorum. Notices of Directors' meetings shall be given by the General Secretary, or in case of a vacancy in that office, by the President. At its Annual Meeting the Board shall determine the general disposition of the funds of the Society and pass upon any questions involving the comprehensive work of the administration, including the election of official representatives, National and State. It shall assemble at the Annual Meeting such workers as the Board or its Executive Committee shall deem wise in order that the needs and opportunities on the field may be thoroughly presented to the Board.

Any and all property, real or personal, acquired by The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society, either by gift, devise or purchase, may be sold by the Board of Directors.

2. The Board of Directors may prescribe suitable regulations for the affairs of the Executive Committee, and may delegate to the Executive Committee, by vote, any of the powers given to the Board of Directors, including the power to sell or convey property, real or personal. The Executive

Committee shall for the time being, except as limited by the Board of Directors, have and exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors, in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, and it may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all such contracts, papers and documents as may require it. The Executive Committee shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be any time open to the inspection of any member of the Board of Directors, and shall annually present a detailed report of its doings, including the minutes of its meetings, to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI.

The Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall, at each Biennial Meeting, present nominations for President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Auditor and members of the Board of Directors, in accordance with the provision of these By-laws, and the action of the National Council relative to the common administration of this and other missionary societies.

ARTICLE XII.

Meetings

This Society shall meet annually on the Tuesday following the third Sunday in January, and in years when the National Council holds regular sessions shall adjourn to meet in connection with the National Council. This meeting shall be known as the Biennial Meeting. Twenty voting members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII.

Amendments

No alteration shall be made in these By-laws without a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an Annual Meeting; nor unless the same shall have been proposed in writing at a previous Annual Meeting, or shall be recommended by the Board of Directors.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

THE PLACE OF THE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL. An answer to the question, "Is there need of organizing and maintaining Mission Sunday Schools?"

THE HOLD-UP IN JERICHO CANYON. A mountain boy's version of the Good Samaritan. By Rev. W. B. D. Gray.

THE RIGHTS OF CHILDHOOD. Several incidents woven into a plea for education for children through the Sunday Schools.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY AND THE HOME. A story of John Anderson's homecoming.

THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXTENSION SOCIETY IN THE WORKING WORLD. A leaflet outlining the functions of the Sunday School Extension Society.

PLEDGE CARD. A card for taking subscriptions, which also gives the amount of money required for particular pieces of Sunday School work.

MEMORY WORSHIP IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. A 24-page leaflet giving servies for the Sunday School.

THINGS IN BLUE. A story for beginners, with the background of a flower, a bird and a child.

ROBERT'S ADVENTURE. The history of a Sunday School that started in a wagon.

AN INDIAN'S MESSAGE. An experience in a log schoolhouse in the mountains of the Southwest.

THE SOD SCHOOLHOUSE SUNDAY SCHOOL. Telling about some folks who lived out in Idaho for eighteen years without a church service or a Sunday School.

PUT OUT YOUR TEAM AND COME IN. A Sunday School missionary's optimism overcoming the seemingly impossible.

TODAY IN NORTH DAKOTA SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. The Challenge of a Northwestern land of opportunity.

THE COWBOY'S PRAYER. A poem written by a cowboy, with introduction on Sunday School work in the mountains.

THE TALE OF THE TRAPPER.

HOW FRANCES AND GERALD GOT A SUNDAY SCHOOL.

WHERE THREE ROADS MEET.

PRAIRIE PREACHERS.

THE GIFT OF THE SHINING STRANGER.

THREE WISHES THAT CAME TRUE.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES. Each year a Service of songs, recitations, responses and other exercises for use on Children's Day, the second Sunday in June, is furnished free to Sunday Schools which take an offering for the Sunday School Extension Society. The services now on hand are as follows: 1918, Little Patriots of the Kingdom; 1919, Our Father's World; 1920, Children's Day Comrades; 1921, Children of the Father's Kingdom.

Conditional Gifts

Conditional gifts for The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society will be accepted on the same conditions and terms as have been agreed upon by all of the other denominational agencies. For particulars write to the Treasurer, Charles H. Baker, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Be the executor of your own estate.

Form of Bequest

I give $..... to The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society, organized in New York City in the year 1917.

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Publications

MAGAZINE

One section of "The American Missionary," a monthly magazine published in the interests of the six Congregational Homeland Societies, is reserved for The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society.

Subscription 50 cents per annum. In clubs equaling one-fifth the membership of a church, 15 cents.

Published at 287 Fourth Ave., New York City.

LEAFLETS

Leaflets, both in descriptive and story form give full information concerning the work of the Society.

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